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‘There’s an epidemic going on’



Protesters meet on Parliament Hill on Tuesday to demand the decriminalization of illegal drugs, universal approval of safe injection sites and faster access to rehab facilities.
HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

School board, Ottawa Public Health scramble to deal with opioid crisis

Adam Kveton
For Metro | Ottawa

With the recent death of a 14-year-old, and the open letter of a Kanata father discussing his 16-year-old’s addiction, the opioid crisis has the city’s attention.

On Tuesday, school board superintendents met with Ottawa Public Health and others to discuss new strategies, and whether naloxone — an overdose-stalling drug — should be in schools.

The Catholic school board is planning further meetings to put together a task force of front-line responders and educators in the hopes of ensuring a stronger community response.

But it shouldn’t have to take the death of a young person to spur more action, said Jordon MacLean, former drug addict and current social worker in Ottawa.

“When younger people are dying, then obviously awareness comes and people are going, ‘Wow, it’s not a 30 or 40-year-old that should have got themselves help,’” said MacLean, who’s also an organizer for Ottawa’s Drug Users Advocacy League.

“It’s too bad that it has to be somebody with a whole life to live to bring attention to it when it’s always been here. I mean there’s an epidemic going on.”

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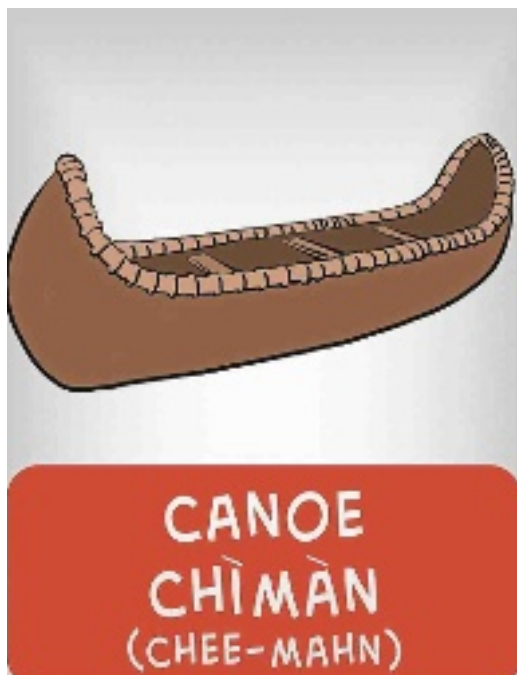
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Jay Odjick is crafting drawings and has been tweeting them daily to help revive his ancestors' Indigenous language since late 2016. CONTRIBUTED

Revitalizing a language

SOCIAL MEDIA

Indigenous artist posts illustrations of alphabet online



Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

An Ottawa-area artist is spreading his ancient Indigenous language through Twitter, crafting illustrations of Algonquin words in an effort to revitalize its use.

"If you have a word for some-

thing, you can create a concept," Jay Odjick told Metro. "The more words in your language, the more you can feel."

Since late last year, @JayOdjick had tweeted one daily Algonquin Word of the Day, like forest, bread and winter. He uses the language's alphabet, which is similar to English but with accents.

After posting more than 50 words, Odjick decided on Feb. 14 to post 26 illustrations to accompany, one for each letter of the English alphabet. Apple, canoe and eye have yielded scores of retweets, and responses from multiple countries.

"I wanted to do it in a way

that was free and accessible," said Odjick. He can only muster a few words of Algonquin, despite it being his father and brothers' first language.

"There are a lot of people like myself who grew up on reserves and didn't have a chance to learn it," said Odjick, who grew up on Kitigan Zibi First Nation near Maniwaki, Que. "It's also a way for me to go back and revisit my own culture."

Odjick is well-known in Indigenous media as the creator of Kagagi, a superhero graphic novel that is now an animated series that airs in Canada, the U.S. and Australia.

Kagagi has three versions:

English, Algonquin and English with 20 per cent Algonquin vocabulary. Odjick used 13 translated episodes to select basic words. "It can kind of create a base, for you to springboard off of," he said.

Each image takes about 20 minutes of Odjick's time, while he's in a hotel or waiting for a ride. He uses an iPad Pro, the Procreate app and an Apple Pencil.

Odjick also illustrated a book with famed children's author

Robert Munsch called Blackflies. "I felt like we could show First Nations kids a real positive portrayal of themselves, drawn by one of them."

Originally slated for print in 2018, Odjick said Scholastic chose to instead bring Blackflies forward to next month.

"There's been a stigma that First Nations' content doesn't sell to a mainstream audience," Odjick said. "I think Canadians want to learn more about First Nations people."



I think Canadians want to learn more about First Nations people.

Jay Odjick

COURT

Province putting pressure on feds to appoint more judges

Ontario is pressuring the federal government to appoint more judges, months after an accused killer, pedophile and fraudster each walked out of Ottawa courts without a trial.

In July 2016, the Supreme Court set hard timelines for criminal trials. Known as the Jordan case, the decision implemented timelines for an accused person's right to be tried within a reasonable delay.

That has led to judges "stay-

ing" cases, suspending trials because of unjustly long processes. Stays can be appealed, but the Ontario Crown Attorneys Association warned last year that judges could dismiss roughly 6,000 criminal cases because of mounting delays.

Last Friday, Ontario's Attorney General Yasir Naqvi appointed three judges to fill Ottawa's provincial-court vacancies.

Naqvi asked federal Justice

Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould to review the need for preliminary inquiries, which Superior Court judges use to determine if there is enough evidence.

In an email to Metro, Wilson-Raybould said she's already been engaging with her provincial counterparts.

"Our government is committed to ensuring our criminal justice system works efficiently and effectively," she wrote.

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ENVIRONMENT

City urged to quicken pace of climate plan



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Winterlude could one day become waterlude if we don't move fast enough, according to one speaker urging council to act on climate change.

"Climate change is here, its impacts are increasingly severe," said Coun. David Churnushenko, who kicked off Tues-

day's environmental committee meeting. Staff gave an update to councillors on the city's renewable energy strategy, including \$300,000 set aside for pilot projects for energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy generation.

Most initiatives target the largest carbon emitters: buildings and vehicles. Many members of the public who spoke expressed concern that not enough was being done.



CITY HALL

\$10.3 million dolled out to claimants in 2016

The city has paid out \$10.3 million to property loss and bodily injury claimants in 2016.

That's according to the city clerk, Rick O'Connor's report to the Finance and Economic Development Committee, slated to be heard Feb. 24.

The largest claim was \$1.4 million involving a city vehicle hitting a pedestrian or cyclist.

About \$7.4 million in claims paid were above \$100,000, with another \$3 million worth of claims coming in at less than \$100,000 each.

ADAM KVETON/METRO

HEALTH

Gatineau paramedics assume strike position

Gatineau paramedics have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a strike after approaching two years without a contract.

Sunday, the Fraternité des Paramédics de l'Outaouais voted 91 per cent in favour of walking off the job. The union represents 215 paramedics across western Quebec.

Union head Daniel Chouinard told Metro his members' contract lapsed on March 31, 2015, and claimed that negotiations, ongoing since October 2015, hit a standstill last December, with the province refusing to budge.

A provincial tribunal will soon decide whether Gatineau's paramedics are an essential service, which could forbid them from striking, or curtail their options for work-to-rule measures.

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POLITICS

Councillors disapprove of free gas for Montrealers

Ottawa 2017's decision to give away \$5,000 worth of free gas to Montrealers drove some city councillors around the bend on Tuesday morning.

The first 150 motorists to line-up at a Crevier gas station on St-Jean Boulevard in Montreal received a fill-up free of charge.

The media stunt didn't sit well with Coun. Jeff Leiper and Catherine McKenney, who both expressed their disapproval from an environmental committee meeting.

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

The strange saga of Nepean's bell

HERITAGE

Long absence has taken a toll on community



Adam Kveton
For Metro | Ottawa

A message has rung out loud and true for years, and it appears the Westboro Community Association has finally taken it to heart.

"Hands off the Nepean bell," said Rick Chiarelli, councillor for College Ward and former councillor in the City of Nepean.

Now, after years of being told "no," the association is looking at other options.

"We are sort of resigned to the fact that that bell is not going to come back into that belfry," said Gary Ludington, the association's chairman.

Since 1998, the group has been pushing to move the Nepean bell, which currently sits outside Ben Franklin Place, back to its original home.

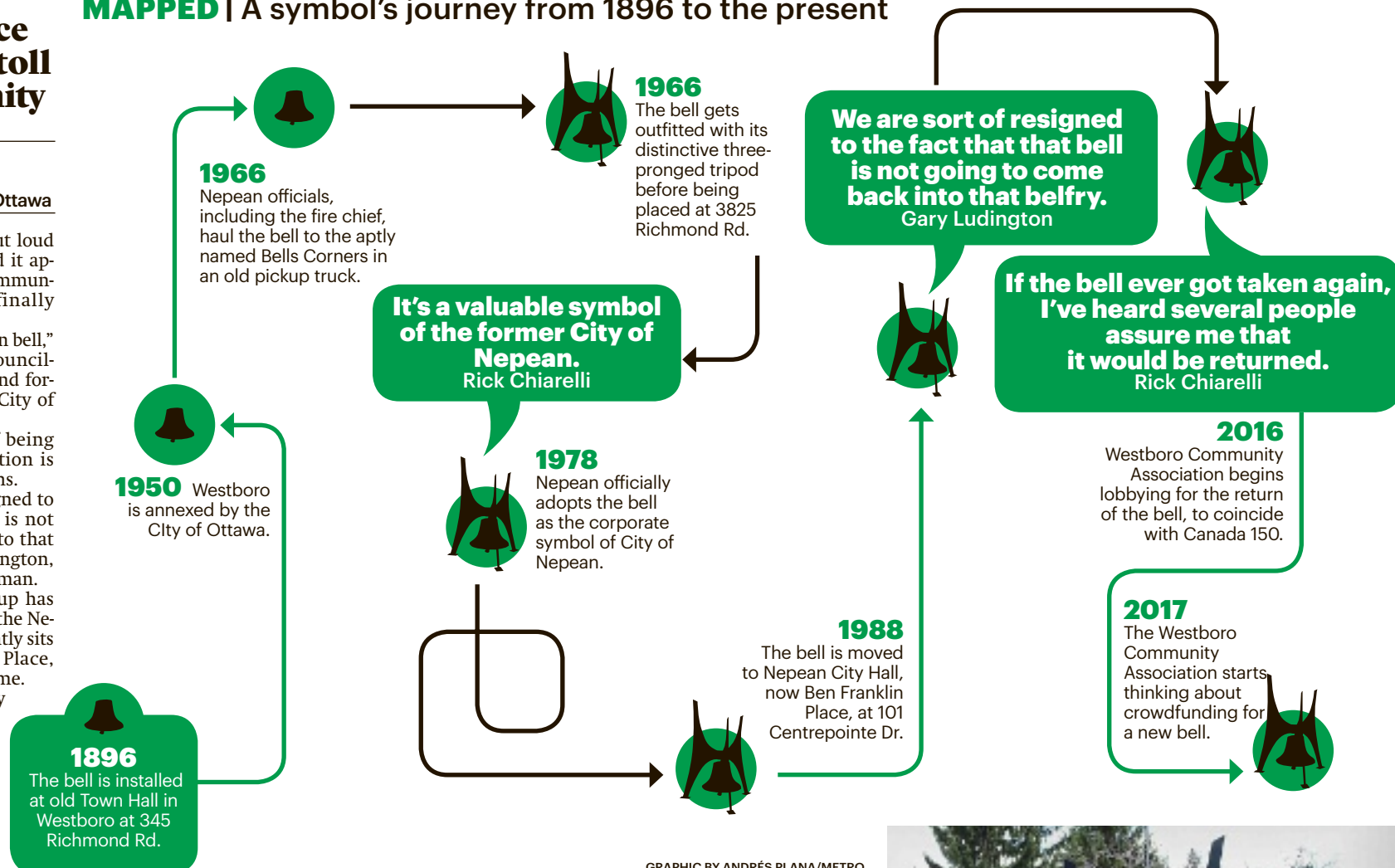
The bell was originally installed in 1896 at 345 Richmond Rd., what's now known as the old Town Hall.

But Westboro's annexation by the City of Ottawa in 1950 meant the bell's days in the neighbourhood were numbered.

In 1966, according to the Nepean Museum, "the Fire Chief, the Chief Building Inspector and the Township Clerk teamed up to move the bell using a fire truck and an old pickup," all the way out to 3825 Richmond Rd. in Bells Corners.

Chiarelli said he suspects certain administrative procedures were ignored at the time, "but it's not stealing, because

MAPPED | A symbol's journey from 1896 to the present



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The Nepean Bell's silhouette is distinctly bat-like. METRO FILE

we owned it."

"It's a valuable symbol of the former City of Nepean," he said. "It was the logo on the stationary, it was the feature on the flag, it was on all the municipal buildings."

For a time, the bell's silhouette even looked a bit like the bat symbol on the sides of Nepean police cruisers.

"That made us pretty cool,"

Chiarelli said.

The Westboro Community Association had hoped to get Canada 150 funding to return the bell to the old Town Hall.

Now, resigned as they are to likelihood that the old bell is staying where it is, the group is looking into crowdfunding and other options to locate, purchase and install a new

bell in the empty belfry. Ludington said.

Chiarelli said he could look into whether the city has any replicas of the bell that might suit the project. One replica currently stands at a fire station in Barrhaven.

But, Chiarelli warned, "if the bell ever got taken again, I've heard several people assure me that it would be returned."

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Beware new fentanyl danger

DRUGS

Lethal opioid being found in counterfeit pills locally



Adam Kveton
For Metro | Ottawa

Continued from page 1
The current focus of concern among law enforcement and public health officials is the recreational use of prescription opiates, or counterfeit pills made to look like them, which can easily cause overdoses.

Ottawa police have confirmed that fentanyl, a very strong opiate, is being found in local counterfeit pills. Even a small amount of fentanyl can cause an immediate overdose.

But fentanyl has long been a growing problem in Ontario.

According to the office of Ontario's chief coroner, 23 deaths connected to fentanyl occurred in Ontario in 2004. In 2011, that number rose to 104. By 2014, it reached 154.

Even among teenagers, fentanyl use is not new.

In 2013, the Canadian Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Use put out a bulletin highlighting a recent fentanyl-abuse problem in Ottawa's west-end schools. "Students were committing break-and-enters to support their fentanyl addictions," it reads. "Dealers would pay thieves in fentanyl patches."

"Empirically, we know that Ottawa students are more likely to use prescription drugs non-medically rather than other illicit drugs such as hallucinogens, cocaine, or ecstasy," said Dan Osterer with Ottawa Public Health. "Thirteen per cent of Ottawa students in grades 7 through 12 reported using opioid pain relievers non-medically at least once in the past 12 months."

In 2015, two in three unintentional overdose drug overdose deaths were due to opioids, he said. "Between 2011 and 2015, three per cent of the unintentional opioid overdose deaths in Ottawa were among youth ages 10 to 19," he added, citing stats from the chief coroner.

Nonetheless, reaction to this crisis has not always been swift.



Jordon MacLean, a former drug user who now works in as a social worker, holds open a naloxone kit. MacLean is an advocate for Drug Users Advocacy League. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

Naloxone, a drug that temporarily reverses the effects of an opioid overdose, was available for many years, but only with

a prescription. This changed in 2016. Before then, "you had to be an opiate user or a former opiate user to get a (naloxone)

“Thirteen per cent of Ottawa students in grades 7 through 12 reported using opioid pain relievers non-medically.”

Dan Osterer

kit," MacLean said.

He recalls a mother coming to him once, whose 17-year-old was taking heroin in her room. She wanted naloxone in case she overdosed. "She asked, 'How can I get one of those kits?'" MacLean said. "I said, 'Unfortunately you have to lie, or you can't.'"

Now, naloxone use is key to local efforts, with more than 80 pharmacies offering kits, as well as Ottawa Public Health. To find a pharmacy near you, call 1 800 565 8603. An important step, and one that might have spurred more action sooner, is greater compassion for adult drug addicts, said MacLean.

"It just happens that they get addicted and they need help."

INFRASTRUCTURE

New arena vote in Gatineau



Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

Gatineau councillors will vote Wednesday morning on a plan to replace the city's aging arena, which would give the capital region two state-of-the-art hockey venues.

The Robert Guertin arena is a city icon, perched near Hull's downtown alongside Highway 50. But the aging, 4,000-seat complex is slated for demolition in 2018. Monday, a Gatineau committee was given a \$79 million estimate for a new stadium to be opened near the La Cité shopping complexes, in the fall of 2020. That would provide a new home for the city's Olympiques hockey team, as well as three community rinks.

The head of the company proposing the arena, Vision Multisports Outaouais, said it would be a boon for Ottawa. "It's a gathering place for citizens across the region," Alain Gagné told Metro.

MEDICINE

Promising CHEO cancer treatment to start human trials

A team of CHEO researchers has discovered a new combination of cancer therapies that could become "the standard of care for many cancers."

That's the word from Dr. Robert Korneluk, senior scientist at the CHEO Research Institute. He bases that belief on he and his team's testing of the novel immunotherapy combination on mice, the results of which were published last week.

He characterizes the treatment as a "one-two punch" in which one drug makes the cancer cells themselves more sus-

ceptible to dying, and another allows a person's immune system to better identify and attack cancer cells.

That testing showed at least a doubling of response rates, and, in some cases, a cure to the deadly brain cancer, glioblastoma. That means, even after the mouse's brain tumour is destroyed, that same kind of tumour will not grow again.

Korneluk said he believes the treatment could be broadly effective against more than just glioblastomas. But "the proof is in the pudding," he said,

with three human trials of the immunotherapy combination beginning this year, two of which are based in Ottawa. Nonetheless, it could be several years before the results of the trials can be determined, he cautioned.

Half of the CHEO team's immunotherapy combination, called immune checkpoint inhibitors, are already successfully being used on cancer patients, and are showing good results. One of the side effects, however, is the potential for autoimmune diseases. However, the experimental half of

the combo, known as SMAC Mimetics, are the key to the double-whammy effect, said Korneluk. There may in fact be some cancers that will respond to SMAC Mimetics alone, and it could reduce the autoimmune side effect when in combination with immune checkpoint inhibitors, he said.

Korneluk said he is looking forward to that future. "The greatest achievement I think that we will see from our group is the day the first patient is cured because of this combination," he said. ADAM KVETON/METRO



From left to right, Drs. Eric Lacasse, Shawn Beug and Robert Korneluk. A team of CHEO researchers have discovered a new combination of cancer therapies. CHEO RESEARCH INSTITUTE

EQUALITY

'She for He' night to highlight male issues

Alex Parsons
For Metro | Ottawa

The road to equality is long and paved with good intentions, but it often cracks under the weight of controversy.

The University of Ottawa is hosting "She for He" tonight, a panel of four women who will speak about the importance of men's issues in society.

Spearheaded by the Canadian Association For Equality (CAFE), the panel will feature

a Q&A and proceeds will go towards the creation of a Canadian Centre for Men and Families in Ottawa, an institution that will provide counselling, therapy and mentorship to men facing trauma and domestic violence, among other issues.

David Shackleton is the president of CAFE Ottawa. He said CAFE supports men because they are usually not the focus of gender issues. He said the panel title is a response to Emma Watson's "He for She" campaign, saying the UN initiative excluded aid for men's

issues while asking men to focus on women's issues.

"We thought that was rather unbalanced," he said. "Which is not to suggest that women's issues aren't just as legitimate — of course they are — but (men) don't get the attention." CAFE previously screened The Red Pill, a documentary about the men's-rights movement, across Canada. The Ottawa screening attracted vigorous protest.

Shackleton does not expect protests at tonight's event.

"It's interesting to hear that their tactic now is to speak about

men's issues and not men's rights," said Julie Lalonde, a local women's-rights activist who helped launch "Draw The Line," an anti-sexual-violence campaign.

"To me that sounds like it's in direct response to the fact that MRA (Men's Rights Activism) is taking on such a negative connotation. The concern that I have and other organizations have with groups like CAFE is that they are often times more interested in slamming feminists than they are in talking about the issues themselves."

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Yazidi refugees celebrate news of the liberation of their homeland of Sinjar from Daesh, while at a refugee camp on Nov. 13, 2015 in Rojava, Syria. GETTY IMAGES

Hundreds of Yazidis bound for Canada

IMMIGRATION

Initiative to bring in Yazidis expected to cost \$28 million

The Trudeau government is poised to announce today that Canada has given safe haven to almost 400 Yazidi refugees and other survivors of Islamist extremists in the last four months and will take in about 800 more by the end of the year.

The initiative is expected to cost \$28 million, according to details obtained by The Canadian Press.

In addition to 1,200 government-assisted refugees, the government says it also intends to facilitate private sponsorships of Yazidi refugees.

The announcement comes four months after the House of Commons unanimously supported a Conservative motion that called on the government to provide asylum to an unspecified number of Yazidi women and girls.

The motion recognized that Daesh is committing genocide against the Yazidi people and holding many of the religious group's women and girls as sex slaves.

Although the motion referred only to providing asylum to Yazidi women and girls, the 1,200 refugees will include male family members.

Although the motion referred strictly to the Yazidi people, the government is not confining its efforts solely to members of that religious group, who live primarily in northern Iraq.

Hussen says Canada has long offered protection to refugees based on "vulnerability, not religion or ethnicity" and will thus focus on "highly vulnerable" survivors of Daesh. Still, he says a "significant majority" of the 1,200 will be Yazidi due to the "high level of violence" they've suffered.

While the majority of the 1,200 refugees will come from Iraq, the government said some will also be accepted from Lebanon and Turkey.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coldy locks and the freeze hairs

Think of the frost fairy on a really bad hair day.

Those are the prospective winners at the Takhini Hot Pools hair-freezing contest that have captured the attention of many through the Internet.

Andrew Umbrich, owner of the hot pools just outside of Whitehorse, says the competition started off in 2011 as a small event that took place over a few weeks every February during the annual Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Festival. But things got a bit hairy in 2015 when a few people

from France and one person from Quebec submitted a video of some fantastic frozen hair.

Before then, the coiffure competition would only see about 10 contestants a year, but so far this year they've had 35 photo submissions and Umbrich said they expect many more.

Conditions need to be just right, he said. While the hot springs are always around 42 C, the air has to get at least minus -20 to get the right ice sculpt.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

INTELLIGENCE

Former double agent facing deportation

Hussein Ali Sumaida says Canada is the only safe haven for him even if he spends the rest of his life here without legal status.

A former double agent for the Israeli intelligence service and Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's regime, the now 52-year-old Hamilton, Ont. man said his life would be in danger if he was sent anywhere in the Middle East.

Canadian officials have been trying to remove Sumaida ever since he arrived in Toronto in 1990 for asylum and was deemed

inadmissible to the country a year later for his "espionage" activities that they said made him complicit in crimes against humanity.

In fact, Ottawa did deport him once to Tunisia — the birthplace of his Iraqi diplomat father, where he himself had never been — in 2005, but Sumaida assumed a false identity, "Brandon Timothy Casey," and returned on an emergency passport.

After living a low-profile life over the last decade, raising a

family with a job in construction, Sumaida said he recently got a letter in the mail informing him that a pre-removal risk assessment had been initiated to determine if it's safe for him to be deported to Tunisia again.

"I just want to stay alive in Canada, even with no status. Just don't make me go back there and be tortured," Sumaida told Torstar. "It is just not fair to leave somebody in limbo for 27 years. We are not animals."

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Hussein Ali Sumaida, a former double agent, is facing removal from Canada, again. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Month Two: Focus on legislation

POLITICS

Trump team trying to move beyond controversies

As President Donald Trump begins his second month in office, his team is trying to move past the crush of controversies that overtook his first month and make progress on health care and tax overhauls long sought by Republicans.

Both issues thrust Trump, a real estate executive who has never held elected office, into the unfamiliar world of legislating. The president has thus far relied exclusively on executive powers to muscle through policy priorities and has offered few details about what he'll require in any final legislative packages, like how the proposals should be paid for.

The White House also sent conflicting signals about whether the president will send Congress his own legislative blueprints or let lawmakers drive the process.

White House chief of staff Reince Priebus said he expects



Officials in Donald Trump's administration say the team is moving beyond controversies of the first month of his presidency, and into drafting health-care and tax overhauls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

a health-care plan to emerge in "the first few days of March." Pressed on whether the plan would be coming from the White House, Priebus said, "We don't work in a vacuum."

On Sunday, White House advisers held a three-hour meeting on health care at Trump's South Florida club, their third lengthy discussion on the topic

in four days. Gary Cohn, the former Goldman Sachs banker now serving as Trump's top economic adviser, and newly sworn-in Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin have been leading talks with Republican lawmakers and business leaders on taxes. Neither man has prior government experience.

Republicans long blamed

Democrats for blocking efforts to overhaul the nation's complicated tax code and make changes to the sweeping 2010 health care law signed by President Barack Obama. But with the GOP now in control of both the White House and Congress, making good on those promises rests almost entirely with the president and his party.

To some Republicans' chagrin, both issues were overshadowed during Trump's first month.

The president spent more time publicly fighting the media than selling Americans on his vision for a new health-care law. Fresh questions emerged about Trump's ties to Russia, particularly after national security adviser Michael Flynn was fired for misleading the White House about his conversations with a Russian envoy.

The White House botched the rollout of a refugee and immigration executive order, Trump's most substantive policy initiative to date, and the directive was quickly blocked by the courts.

Priebus said the distractions did not slow down work happening behind the scenes on the president's legislative priorities.

One of the biggest questions on Capitol Hill is how involved Trump plans to be in legislative minutia. One GOP leadership aide whose office has been working with the White House described the president as a "big picture guy" and said he expected Trump to defer to Capitol Hill on health care in particular. The aide was not authorized to speak publicly and insisted on anonymity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Millions targeted for deportation

Millions of people living in the United States illegally could be targeted for deportation — including people simply arrested for traffic violations — under a rewrite of immigration enforcement policies announced Tuesday.

Any immigrant who is in the country illegally and is charged or convicted of any offence, or even suspected of a crime, will now be an enforcement priority, according to Homeland Security Department memos. AP

Canada will not abandon Mexico: Freeland

Canada has reassured Mexico that updating the North American Free Trade Agreement will be a three-way conversation involving all three member countries. Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland's remarks Tuesday appear to clarify speculation that Canada will abandon Mexico and pursue bilateral talks with U.S. President Donald Trump, who wants to renegotiate the 23-year-old trade deal. TORSTAR

CRISIS

Bodies of refugees heading to Europe wash up on Libyan coast

At least 74 bodies of African refugees have washed ashore in western Libya, the Libyan Red Crescent said Tuesday, the latest tragedy at sea along a perilous but increasingly popular trafficking route to Europe.

The bodies were found near the western Libyan city of Zawiyah on Monday, Red Crescent said spokesman Mohammed al-Misrati, adding that he feared more might surface. He said a torn rubber boat, the kind that usually carry up to 120 people, was found nearby.

The Red Crescent's branch in

Zawiyah said there are bodies still floating out at sea but it has no means to retrieve them.

The International Organization of Migration said the traffickers took the engine and left the boat to drift. Another 12 refugees remain missing and are "presumed drowned," and a sole survivor was transferred to a hospital in a coma, the UN migration agency said on Twitter.

The Red Crescent posted photographs of dozens of bodies in white and black bags, lined up along the shore. Al-Misrati said the bodies would be taken to a

cemetery for unidentified people in the capital, Tripoli. The Red Crescent appealed for help on Facebook, saying there are no vehicles to transport the bodies.

Al-Misrati had initially said the bodies were found overnight Tuesday, but later clarified that they were recovered Monday afternoon and evening.

Libyan coast guard spokesman Ayoub Gassim said over 500 refugees were rescued at sea on Friday and Saturday off the coast of Sebratha, a city to the west of Zawiyah. The refugees' boats were 5 to 7 miles (8 to

11 kilometres) from the coast.

Gassim said the smugglers pack larger rubber boats with up to 180 people, dramatically increasing the risk of capsizing.

Last week, Fabrice Leggeri, director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, said the Libya-to-Italy smuggling route across the Mediterranean had seen record numbers of migrant drownings in 2016.

Some 4,579 migrant deaths were documented in 2016, up from 2,869 deaths the previous year and 3,161 in 2014.

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Libyan Red Crescent volunteers recovering the bodies of 74 migrants that washed ashore Monday, near Zawiyah on Libya's northern coast. LIBYAN RED CRESCENT/GETTY IMAGES

AUSTRALIA

Plane crash victims were on golfing trip

Four American tourists were pursuing their passion for golf during a weeklong trip to Australia when they were killed Tuesday after a light plane carrying them on an offshore excursion crashed into a suburban Melbourne shopping mall and burst into flames, said Australian officials and a family member of one victim.

The twin-engine Beechcraft Super King Air crashed about 45 minutes before the Direct Factory Outlet mall in Essendon was due to open, Police Minister Lisa Neville said. The Australian pilot also was killed.

The U.S. Embassy in Canberra confirmed that the four victims besides the pilot were U.S. citizens. Three lived in Texas and it's believed the fourth passenger on the plane did as well.

The pilot was Max Quartermain, owner of the charter company Corporate and Leisure Travel.

Three of the passengers were identified as Greg Reynolds De Haven, Russell Munsch and Glenn Garland, who all lived in the Austin, Texas, area.

De Haven's sister, Denelle Wicht of Alexandria, Minn., said her brother survived dan-

gerous work in the FBI and while serving in the U.S. Army during Vietnam only to die while enjoying retirement.

"He managed to get through all of that, to die this way," Wicht said.

She said the 70-year-old De Haven was "extremely athletic" and at one time aspired to become a pro golfer, but his young family at the time came first. After he retired, De Haven went on the senior pro golf circuit.

De Haven and his wife were part of a larger group that included at least two other

couples who were touring Australia over the course of three weeks and intended to also see New Zealand, Wicht said.

Munsch was a founding partner in the Texas law firm of Munsch Hardt, which said in a statement Tuesday that he litigated some of the most prominent bankruptcy cases in the U.S., including the 2001 bankruptcy proceedings for Houston-based Enron Corp., one of the largest energy companies in the world before its collapse. He would have turned 62 on Wednesday.

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Timmies owner buying Popeyes

RESTAURANTS

Firm offers \$1.8 billion US for fried chicken chain

The parent company of Tim Hortons and Burger King is making a move to add fried chicken to its repertoire with an offer to buy Popeyes in a friendly deal.

Restaurant Brands International said Tuesday it will pay \$1.8 billion US for the Louisiana-style fried chicken chain. That translates to \$79 US per share in Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen Inc., which trades on the Nasdaq market.

"We're really excited we're adding another iconic and successful brand, one that has really rich Louisiana heritage that's going to resonate with guests all around the world," RBI CEO Daniel Schwartz said in an interview.

The deal doesn't come as a surprise to analysts, said Will Slabaugh, managing director at Arkansas-based Stephens Inc.

"I think it was always hinted at that there might be more brands in the future," he said, referencing RBI's successful 2014 acquisition of Tim Hortons that led analysts to believe RBI could have a strong platform to roll in other quick-service restaurants.

However, there aren't many

chains that fit RBI's criteria for acquisition. Slabaugh said the company is likely looking for chains that are attractive to consumers around the world — not just Americans.

Schwartz said RBI plans to accelerate Popeyes' growth in the U.S. and beyond. The company currently has more than 2,600 restaurants, mostly in America, with 621 international locations.

"There is no reason that this brand can't be multiple times its size in many, many years from now," said Schwartz.

RBI has its headquarters in Oakville, Ont., west of Toronto, with more than 20,000 restaurants in more than 100 countries and U.S. territories.

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Tourism to Paris is showing signs of revival after a yearlong slump attributed to deadly extremist attacks, violent labor protests, strikes and floods. GETTY IMAGES

Tourists coming back to Paris

Tourism to Paris is showing signs of a revival after a year-long slump attributed to deadly extremist attacks, violent labour protests, strikes and floods.

The biggest drop came in demand for Paris hotels from Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Italian tourists, according to

2016 figures released Tuesday by the Paris regional tourism committee.

The Louvre Museum, Musée d'Orsay and Disneyland Paris saw visits drop between 9 and 13 per cent last year and overall tourism-related revenue in the region fell more than 1 billion euros, or about 6 per cent,

according to the committee.

Many potential Paris visitors were scared off by November 2015 attacks on cafés, a rock concert and the national stadium that killed 130 people.

However by the end of 2016, hotel reservations started rising again, the report said.

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MCDONALD'S

All-day breakfast now on menu

Want to grab some pancakes for lunch in a hurry? Now you can at McDonald's.

The fast-food restaurant launched its all-day breakfast menu on Tuesday at 1,100 restaurants across the country. Menu items include oatmeal, hash browns, and the famous

Egg McMuffin sandwich.

The social media reaction was nothing short of elation as people posted selfies with hash browns and Egg McMuffins.

"Truly an egg-celent idea!" posted Rosalyn Gambhir on Twitter.

Blogger Tenille Lafontaine

tweeted: "McDonald's #AllDay-Breakfast is real, and it's here, and life is oh so good!"

McDonald's Canada said the first location in the country to serve breakfast after 11 a.m. was Torbay Road McDonald's in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador. METRO

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PAUL WELLS ON TRUDEAU'S PITCH TO EUROPE



The PM didn't come before his German hosts as the guy who's found the solution.

The St. Matthew's Day Banquet in Hamburg has been a big date on the German city's social calendar for more than six centuries. Everyone who's anyone in Hamburg attends. Under the gilded roof of the historic town hall's palatial banquet room, keynote speakers — each year, a German dignitary and a foreign guest — discuss the great matters of the day before hundreds of revelers.

Perhaps Justin Trudeau's staff didn't notice before he spoke at this year's banquet that the keynote slot has lately become quite thoroughly jinxed. The non-German speaker in 2016 was David Cameron, then the prime minister of Britain. Four months later he lost the Brexit referendum and resigned. In 2015 the guest keynote was delivered by Polish president Bronislaw Komorowski. Three months later he lost his country's presidential election.

In 2014 Danish PM Helle Thorning-Schmidt — famous to space-challenged headline writers the world over as "Obama selfie friend" after she posed for a photo with the former U.S. president at Nelson Mandela's funeral — addressed the Hamburg dinner. She lost her next election and retired from politics. In 2013 the cursed Hamburg keynote slot was occupied by Jean-Marc Ayrault, who lasted for 13 more months as France's prime minister before losing that job.

Apparently Trudeau is hoping to buck the trend.

It's a very specific trend, if we look more closely. Cameron was trying to stem a rising tide of populism at home by urging the European Union to reform itself. He failed, essentially, and saw his career washed away by a tide of populist nationalism in the Brexit referendum.

Komorowski was the standard-bearer for a moderate pro-European business conservative party that found itself losing, first in Poland's



The guy in the tux on the plight of workers The PM gave the keynote address at a lavish Hamburg banquet, where he hinted at a populist shift in economic policy, writes Paul Wells. THE CANADIAN PRESS

presidential vote and then in parliamentary elections, to Law and Justice, a social-conservative movement that plays on fear of Poland's neighbours, leftover resentment against Communism, and suspicion of newcomers.

Thorning-Schmidt's social democrats lost to a centre-right party, mostly thanks to a surge in support for the further-right Danish People's Party, whose leader has since said he finds Donald Trump refreshing.

Ayrault's departure was less dramatic. French prime ministers are appointed by presidents, and Ayrault took the fall when it became clear that François Hollande's presidency was going nowhere fast. But Ayrault is another symbol of the incapacity of traditional managerial brokerage parties to deliver the change voters crave.

Marine Le Pen is almost certain to win more votes in May's French presidential election than the candidate of Ayrault's Socialist party.

So the last four consecutive Hamburg keynotes came a cropper, not from random bad luck, but because the fury of the disaffected made political busi-

ness-as-usual impossible.

A cautionary tale. Four for the price of one, in fact.

Now along comes Trudeau. Appropriately enough, the tone of his remarks to the Hamburg swells was uncharacteristically dark. "Citizens across the political spectrum are looking for guidance. They're looking for leadership. They're looking for a voice," he said.

"And so far, they're feeling a little let down."

When "companies post record profits on the backs of workers consistently refused full-time work," he said, "people get defeated." When "governments serve special interests instead of the citizens interests who elected them, people lose faith."

Inequality has made citizens distrust governments and employers, "and we're watching that anxiety transform into anger on an almost daily basis."

That's got to change, Trudeau said, perhaps noticing the Hamburg Rathaus floor is littered with trapdoors.

"It's time to get real about the challenges facing the middle class," he said, and "Old approaches don't work anymore," and "We can't go about things the same way

and expect to succeed in this new world."

Much of the rest of his speech was corporate-responsibility stuff — companies should pay a living wage, provide generous maternity leave, and so on. As for his own business — governing Canada — he offered no hint about what might be next, only applause for his enhanced child benefit and his recent at-least-I'm-not-in-Davos speaking tour.

But I don't take the PM to have been basking in complacency. He didn't come before his German hosts as the guy who's found the solution. He cast himself, with them, as one who needs to find it.

"We can no longer brush aside the concerns of our workers and our citizens. We have to address the root cause of their worries, and get real about how the changing economy is impacting peoples' lives."

I take Trudeau's Hamburg speech as a preview of a strongly populist shift in economic policy, beginning with next month's federal budget.

Paul Wells is a Toronto Star national affairs columnist.

VICKY MOCHAMA

There is no line-up for refugees; everyone is fleeing the same fire

Speaking to CBC radio, Conservative MP and public safety critic Tony Clement was asked if migrants crossing from the U.S. over land pose a security risk.

He answered "we don't know yet" and went on to say that the migrants should follow the standard refugee claim procedures that "many, many people — tens of thousands do every year."

"We've got a queue jumping situation here as well where we are diverting resources to deal with these claims rather than the claims of people who are going through the legal process," he told CBC.

No, Tony. There is no "queue jumping situation" because there is no queue.

Simply put: There is no line-up when you're fleeing a fire. The only requirement is to get out alive.

On one point he is right. Many, many people do claim refugee status each year. And that's about it. (According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in 2015 over 16,000 people claimed refugee status at immigration offices.)

As for the rest he is worryingly wrong.

"Refugee claimants are not in a queue. They're in a completely separate process by which people are asserting their rights under the Refugee Convention," Janet Dench, executive director of the Canadian Council of Refugees, told Metro.

Canada became a signatory to the landmark document in 1969. It doesn't spell out that refugees don't wait in a line. But it doesn't need to, because,

it should be obvious that running away isn't orderly.

Clement abruptly ended the call with CBC when pressed on what solutions he had and went onto Twitter to complain about being asked questions by the press. Sounds familiar.

The notion of a "queue" is dangerous rhetoric. Not only does it belie the facts of international refugee law that Canada is party to, it also speaks to a willingness to delegitimize the lives of people who have already faced incredible dangers.

This dangerous rhetoric isn't unique to Canada. Such words have become actions in Australia, where many refugees are kept on a veritable prison island called the Manus Processing Centre. It is a multi-billion dollar facility dedicated almost solely to keep refugees from exercising their rights to freedom of movement by manufacturing a "queue."

Language like Clement's is also not new, says Dench: "We have seen in the past the setting up of a dichotomy between good refugees and bad refugees."

Those who claim that refugees are jumping the line are ignoring the law. As the world faces a global migrant crisis that includes 21.3 million refugees, the truth about the law must be told. Canadians signed up 48 years ago to join the rest of the world in providing for and protecting refugees. With the Syrian refugee program, we reaffirmed that commitment to human rights.

We can't now insist that there's a line up for their unalienable rights.

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FOOD

Kitchen crisis as bad harvest sends global prices surging



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Hold the dressing — that bottle of Italian olive oil might have to last a while.

A bad harvest has sent the price of the Mediterranean staple surging and, closer to home, some local retailers and restaurants are already on edge.

Bad weather and pests have driven the wholesale cost of Italian olive oil up 64 per cent over the same period last year, which translates into a 15-20 per cent shelf price increase in that country.

Carmine Raviele, who owns Little Italy's Il Gatto Nero restaurant in Toronto with his son, said he hasn't had to hike prices yet, but the increase is on his mind.

"We've noticed it and it does make a difference," he said.

"Eventually, you'll have to pass it on to the customer."

The Italian price increases are chalked up to early rains that knocked some buds off olive trees and the threat of the olive fly, which forced many farmers into an early harvest.

Raviele said he's seen a jump in price of Italian olive oil from suppliers of around 20 per cent starting about three weeks ago.

"You can buy cheap oil from other places in the world but then people are used to a cer-



Italy's olive oil wells run dry

Italy's plantations of olive trees have been affected by adverse and unseasonal weather conditions as well as attack from the olive fly. GETTY IMAGES FILE

tain product; they can tell the difference," he added.

Andreas Voulgaris of Olive Oil Emporium, which ships across Canada, said it's been a tough season, and expects they may not end up getting any Italian olive oil that meets their standards for quality this year.

"There's not much out there," he said. "It's very, very challenging and there's not much you can do."

But his business has lots of other options, including olive oil from Spain, Greece, Chile and Peru.

Out of the world's 314 best olive oils awarded at the New York International Olive Oil Competition last year, 109 were from Italy — more than any other country, despite a poor 2014/15 harvest.

Italian olive oil is particularly vulnerable to extreme weather and pests because of

the different environments that olives grow in, from Northern hills to Southern groves.

But that's also how Italian olive oil gets so many different flavours.

Olive oil harvests, like wine, can vary over the years depending on what Mother Nature has in store, Voulgaris added.

"That's the beauty of a live, fresh product," he added.



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- **Spain** is the largest olive oil producer in the world.
- **Greek** extra virgin olive oil is used by other countries to enhance their blends.
- **Avocado** oil has a high smoke point and can be used for searing, frying, roasting and as a dressing.

- **Grapeseed** oil is usually more affordable than avocado oil and is a good source of vitamin E.
- **Canola** oil, which is produced in Canada, is high in the anti-inflammatory omega-3 fatty acid called alpha-linolenic acid. METRO

MISLABELLED PRODUCE

Why food fraud is 'the big elephant' in Canada's dining room

A new study suggests more than half of Canadians, especially those with health conditions, are worried the foods they're buying are not what labels claim — and preventing falling victim to such scams can be difficult, experts say.

In an online survey conducted by researchers at Dalhousie University, 63 per cent of respondents said they were concerned about the widespread practice known as food fraud. Notably, worries about counterfeited food products coming from Canada were even greater in those study participants with food intolerances.

That's likely because the fall-out for someone with allergies eating a mislabelled product can

be severe, says lead researcher Sylvain Charlebois.

He calls food fraud "the big elephant in the room."

"People are aware of the problem. They just don't know how to deal with it," Charlebois said.

Ingredient lists are lifelines for people with food allergies, says Beatrice Povolo, the director of advocacy and media relations for Food Allergy Canada, a non-profit organization advocating on behalf of people with food allergies.

"They count on that to be accurate and truthful and complete in order for them to make a decision of whether that would be a suitable product or not," she said, adding deliberate ingredient substitutions are not



Seafood is vulnerable to food fraud, researchers say. ISTOCK

on the organization's radar at the moment.

Olive oil is the perfect example of a product that frequently contains unlisted ingredients, accord-

ing to Larry Olmsted, author of Real Food Fake Food. Sometimes it'll be watered down with peanut or soy oil, he says, and both are allergens.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency receives an average of 40 complaints annually from consumers about potential food misrepresentation, spokeswoman Lisa Murphy wrote in an email, and it investigates each case.

The CFIA has studied the scope of the issue and determined concerns include short-weighting products, substituting ingredients, and making false and misleading claims about products.

It also has several programs to monitor certain types of food for fraudulent products, such as olive oil. Between 2006 and 2007, more than 45 per cent of tested samples did not meet the country's criteria for the product, according to a 2013 presentation by CFIA before a European

Commission workshop on olive oil authentication. By 2012 to 2013, that number dropped to more than 30 per cent.

Food fraud is a financially motivated practice, Charlebois said, and is often done to increase the price an item will sell for or lower the cost of making it. Seafood is the most vulnerable food group, he noted, because it's difficult to track where those products came from and hard to distinguish between fish species visually once it's a fillet on a store shelf.

That can be problematic for people allergic to certain shellfish who, for example, may order a dish like lobster-filled ravioli that's really composed of a mixture of cheaper shellfish like shrimp. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A cured meat like prosciutto is so delicious on its own or paired with fruit, vegetables, cheese and breakfast sandwiches, just to name a few. However, the salt and sodium nitrite make it an item to consume only occasionally and in moderation. Smoked Atlantic salmon is a great alternative — full of flavour and with about half the fat, sodium and with less calories. It also contains healthy omega-3 fatty acids and natural hardwood smoke.

LIQUID ASSETS PETER ROCKWELL**As smooth as a scene in Ocean's Eleven...**

While it may seem like a cruel joke to those of us in the Northern Hemisphere still recovering from the latest round of February snowstorms, today is National Margarita Day. With origin stories aplenty, the common consensus is that the Margarita (a blend of lime juice, orange liqueur and tequila) was first poured at a Mexican cantina in 1941 and named after the customer whose lips it first passed. True or not, the cocktail is now considered everything from a Mexican cliché to the only way to consume tequila without the fear of career-killing social media posts. I love a well-made Margarita, with the key being freshly squeezed lime juice and a pre-

mium white (not gold) tequila like Casamigos Tequila Blanco (\$59.85-\$69.99). Co-owned by George Clooney, who with partner Rande (Mr. Cindy Crawford) Gerber approve every batch and literally sign off on the label, Casamigos Blanco is as smooth as a scene from Ocean's Eleven. That level of balance makes it as shot-worthy as it is mixable.



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**JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING****Roll up for comedy's wittiest carnival act****THE SHOW:** My Girlfriend's Boyfriend (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The Scrambler

"Here's what happened with Lisa," says writer/comedian/actor Mike Birbiglia, in this 75-minute standup routine about his travails with love. "I built up the courage to ask her to go to the carnival with me. I thought, 'Maybe this will be like one of those romantic comedy montages.'"

Instead, he eats a ton of junk food and goes on the Scrambler.

"The premise of the Scrambler is simple," Birbiglia says. "You sit on a two-person pod with the person you're in love with, and that pod goes in a circle, which is part of a larger circle, which is part of an even grander circle."

(In a minute he acts this out. It's hilarious.)

He imagines carnival workers asking, "But who will be in charge of this dangerous piece of equipment?" And one guy goes, 'I have a nephew who's 16 years old, and smokes pot 24 hours a day.' And they're like,

**Mike Birbiglia: Thank God For Jokes drops Feb. 28 on Netflix.** CONTRIBUTED

'He sounds amazing. We don't even need to interview him.'

Naturally, it ends badly for young Mike. But that's good news for us, because Birbiglia is a brilliant storyteller, sweet, wry, riotous. (He's a frequent contributor to radio's This American Life, whose guru, Ira Glass, is one of his producers.)

For 75 minutes, he spins out one tale that will continue unspooling in your mind long

after you watch it. Eventually you'll realize that what felt like digressions — the Scrambler — are metaphors of great delicacy and wit.

His new show Mike Birbiglia: Thank God for Jokes, drops Feb. 28. Can't wait.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

YIANNPOULOS QUILTS BREITBART**Right-wing provocateur walks away from website**

Polarizing right-wing writer Milo Yiannopoulos resigned as an editor at Breitbart News on Tuesday and apologized for comments he had made about sexual relationships between boys and men.

Yiannopoulos, speaking to reporters, said that two men, including a priest, had touched him inappropri-

ately when he was between the ages of 13 and 16.

"My experiences as a victim led me to believe I could say anything I wanted to on this subject, no matter how outrageous," he said. "But I understand that my usual blend of British sarcasm, provocation and gallows humour might have come across as flippancy, a lack of care for other victims or, worse, advocacy. I

am horrified by that impression."

He said he was resigning from Breitbart, which helped make him a star, because it would be "wrong to allow my poor choice of words to detract from my colleagues' important reporting."

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More ways to earn your MBA without pausing your career

One of Thompson Rivers University's (TRU) key values is accessibility. It is a principle, says the school's director of graduate business programs, that makes its master of business administration (MBA) program one of Canada's most flexible.

"The traditional full-time format doesn't work for every student," says Victoria Martin. "Some are unable to or don't want to pause their careers for up to two years, some have other commitments and some live in remote areas without a local university. That's why we offer such flexible study options."

TRU, while facilitating traditional full-time and part-time MBA formats, also offers an accelerated one-year alternative (allowing those with an acceptable undergraduate degree in business or commerce to enter directly into the second year of the full-time program), a fully online option and a blended online-in-person learning delivery.

"Our online option attracts working professionals, who find the flexibility enables them to achieve their goals while maintaining their careers," says Martin. "Our on-campus program typically attracts slightly younger students who see a strong value in the network-building aspects and enhanced extracurricular activities of the face-to-face experience."

Delivery isn't the only choice TRU MBA students make. The school also offers a course-based or research-based comple-

tion option. Martin says in the course-based MBA, students complete four courses in advanced topics such as innovation and entrepreneurship and decision analysis and modelling. In the research-based completion option, meanwhile, students complete a thesis or a graduate project.

"Ours is a general MBA, designed to provide graduates with a set of skills that is transferable to any type of role, organization or industry," she says. "We recognize most of us will change careers several times during our working life and we want our graduates to be well equipped for any path they choose."

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**– Victoria Martin, TRU director
of graduate business programs**

TRU's School of Business and Economics has also been innovative in its development of other graduate programs. In September, it will launch two master's degrees in environmental economics and management.

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Big addition to small-car lineup



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THE CHECKLIST | 2017 CHEVROLET CRUZE HATCHBACK

THE BASICS

Engine: 1.4-litre, four-cylinder
Output: 153 horsepower, 177 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: 6-speed automatic
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 8.1 city, 6.2 highway, 7.3 combined
Price: As-tested \$35,810



LOVE IT

- Smooth performance
- Spacious interior
- Fuel efficiency
- Quietness

LEAVE IT

- Chintzy control stalks
- Boring to drive
- Flat front seats

REVIEW

Chevy Cruze adds to cargo area with intro of hatchback



Craig Cole
AutoGuide.com

The new Chevrolet Cruze is a respectable compact vehicle that delivers what most shoppers in this segment are looking for. It's reasonably priced, extremely efficient and more refined than you might expect.

For these reasons and more, it's become the brand's best-selling car. Globally, more than 3.5 million Cruzes have been sold since it was introduced in 2008.

Further broadening this car's appeal, a hatchback version is being offered. Arguably, this Cruze's biggest allure is its generously portioned cargo area. With the rear seats up, it provides nearly 25 cubic feet of storage space. Fold the backrests down and that number grows to more than 47. Making the trunk even more versatile is its nearly flat load floor.

When it comes to hauling people instead of groceries, its back bench is cushy and large enough to accommodate a couple six-footers, though three adults would probably be cramped.

For now, the only engine offered in this car is a smooth-running 1.4-litre four-cylinder.

Drivers have two different six-speed transmissions to choose from; you can get either a manu-

al or an automatic. The transmission's performance is smooth, never missing a shift.

Velocity can creep up on you while driving this machine; sometimes you don't realize you're speeding since its interior remains so hushed. Like a luxury car, the Cruze confidently subdues wind, tire and engine noise.

Dynamically, the Cruze's worst attribute is its over-boosted steering.

As for the model we evaluated, it included niceties like keyless entry with push-button start and 17-inch aluminum wheels.

Leather seating surfaces spruced this example's interior up nicely. The cabin is almost exclusively constructed of hard plastic, but looks nice thanks to its premium texturing.

The Enhanced Convenience Package brought an auto-dimming rear-view mirror, wireless device charging and more. The Driver Convenience II Package added automatic high beams, lane keep assist and forward collision alert.

Android Auto and Apple CarPlay were also included.

Unfortunately, there are a couple unabashedly chintzy things inside this car, chiefly the control stalks. They feel ready to snap off with the slightest pressure. I'm also no fan of the front seats, which are low and lack lumbar support.

The 2017 Chevrolet Cruze Hatchback is a welcome addition to the brand's small-car lineup. Efficient, spacious and refined, it's a completely rational choice. However, this machine does have one glaring fault: it doesn't know how to have any fun.

INNOVATION

Could facial recognition systems make driving safer?



Craig Cole
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Israeli firm eyeSight Technologies just announced a new sensing system that aims to reduce in-vehicle distraction by monitoring drivers.

This company's latest human-machine interface aims to improve safety by keeping tabs on whoever's behind the wheel. In addition to this, the technology offers several other benefits.

Powered by an infrared mono-

chrome sensor that works in a variety of lighting conditions from direct sun to complete darkness, eyeSight's latest creation can detect whether a driver is distracted or even drowsy. It achieves this by keeping tabs on their head position, eyelid openness, and iris location.

This information can then be passed on to the vehicle so it can take proactive steps to improve safety. For example, if adaptive cruise control is engaged, the vehicle could automatically increase following distance if it knows the motorist isn't giving

their full attention to the road.

This technology can also recognize individual drivers through facial analysis. By identifying the person in the captain's chair, a vehicle can automatically customize the driving experience by adjusting the seat, setting a desired temperature or even selecting preferred music.

Aside from safety and convenience, eyeSight's latest offering also supports touch-free gesture controls, something that's supported by the same infrared sensor, meaning no additional electronics are required.

This technology has the potential to simplify various tasks and eliminate the need to look away from the road to interact with a physical control, which should reduce distraction, increasing safety.

Beyond the automotive space, eyeSight Technologies' embedded computer vision solutions can be used in virtual- and augmented-reality devices, consumer electronics, smart appliances and more. Look for this company to make a big impact in the way we interact with vehicles in the coming years.



New sensing system aims to reduce distracted driving. ISTOCK

MILESTONE

Toyota's hybrid sales surpass 10M



**Jason
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Toyota has hit an important new milestone for hybrid sales.

In April 2016, the Japanese automaker reached nine million hybrids sold globally and now the company has eclipsed the 10-million mark. To put that into perspective, Toyota has sold more hybrid vehicles worldwide than Ford has sold Mustangs since the sports car was introduced in the 1960s.

According to sales data, Ford has sold more than 9.5 million Mustangs as of the end of 2016, a number that was bested by Toyota's hybrid sales, which started in 1997. It's not an apples to apples comparison because the Mustang hasn't been a global model throughout its life, but it has also been on the market more than 30 years longer than Toyota's first hybrid.

Toyota estimates that as of Jan. 31, the use of its hybrid vehicles has resulted in approxi-

mately 77 million fewer tons of carbon dioxide emissions compared to conventional gasoline-powered vehicles of similar size and driving performance. It also estimates Toyota hybrids have saved approximately 28.99 million litres of gasoline.

"The Prius stands as an icon for sustainability and efficiency, and is a shining example of what you can achieve when you have the right idea to help solve a problem," said Bob Carter, senior vice president of automotive operations for Toyota Motor North America.

"Hybrids remain an important part of our lineup of vehicles, with over 246,000 units sold last year, and we have seen continued demand with the release of the RAV4 Hybrid variant of the popular compact SUV, accounting for nearly 13 per cent of its total sales volume in 2016."



Quest for better testing

RESEARCH

Ford invests \$200M in new wind tunnel complex



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Later this year, Ford will begin construction of a brand-new vehicle aerodynamics research center in Southeastern Michigan.

Located on 13 acres of land next to the company's current Drivability Test Facility in Allen Park, this structure will also be close to its Flat Rock assembly plant, where the Mustang and Lincoln Continental are built.

Aimed at improving vehicle efficiency and performance, this laboratory will feature some groundbreaking capabilities. One of the most significant things it will offer engineers is a rolling-road aerodynamic tunnel that will help them simulate real-world driving conditions far more accurately. This will include a five-belt conveyor system.



Aerodynamic testing of a Ford F-150 at one of the company's wind tunnel facilities. HANDOUT

Each wheel can be spun on what is essentially its own treadmill. Additionally, a separate belt can be run beneath the center of a vehicle, allowing product-development experts to more precisely simulate what happens while a car or truck is in motion. These conveyors are capable of spinning at up to 250 kilometres per hour.

But to evaluate Ford's truly high-performance offerings, this aerodynamics facility will also

have a single-belt system that's capable of going 322 km/h.

For full-line testing, larger chambers will be able to accommodate upsized vehicles, like the Super Duty truck range.

In addition to rolling roadways, this facility will also be able to simulate temperature extremes. An advanced climate chamber should allow technicians to chill a vehicle down to minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Trousing the hottest deserts

on earth, it can also cook them
at up to 140 degrees.

According to Ford, real-world driving simulations will help them boost vehicle fuel economy and performance in the coming years. As cars and trucks become more advanced, validation technology needs to keep pace. This facility should give the folks in Dearborn a technical advantage over rival automakers. Construction is expected to be completed close to the end of 2019.

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Lakers owner Jeanie Buss fired general manager Mitch Kupchak on Tuesday and put Magic Johnson in charge of basketball operations

Off-season training takes Martin to pool

MLB

Jays catcher says swimming helped rehab injured knee

When Russell Martin decided to take up swimming as an off-season workout option a year ago, he was amazed at how quickly he progressed in the pool.

It didn't hurt that his coach and training partner was a nine-time Paralympic gold medallist.

The Blue Jays catcher, who was born in Toronto but raised in Montreal, has trained alongside Longueuil, Que., native Benoit Huot for two straight off-seasons at the Institut National du Sport du Quebec (INS).

"I never really practised swimming in my life, I was never really that interested in it, but as I got older my body was changing and I felt I needed to do some different things to stay in shape," the 34-year-old Martin said Tuesday at the Blue Jays spring training facility.

"I just wanted to find ways to balance out my body a little bit better and turns out Ben is a really good coach — in one session I got a lot better with just a couple techniques he showed me. And he's a tremendous competitor."

Huot, who was born with a disability in his right leg commonly known as club foot, won three



Paralympic swimmer Benoit Huot, left, has trained Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin over the past two baseball off-seasons. @BENHUOT/INSTAGRAM

gold medals in his first Paralympic Games in Sydney in 2000 and followed that up with five

more in Athens in 2004. He has a total of 20 Paralympic medals, including a bronze from the Rio Games last summer.

Martin first met Huot years ago through a mutual friend. The two had spoken about training together in the pool but Martin didn't take Huot up on his offer until last year when

Huot took him to INS Quebec for the first time.

Martin played 137 games last season — and nine more in the playoffs — batting .231 with 20 homers and 74 RBIs while dealing with a left knee issue for most of the year.

He underwent arthroscopic surgery in November to remove floating torn cartilage from the knee, a procedure he said he's fully recovered from now.



In that environment, they're all really dedicated to what they do.

Russell Martin

While Martin's knee had "mostly healed" by the time he got in the pool with Huot, he did say that swimming helped in his rehab process and he worked with his physiotherapist to come up with a workout plan he could do underwater.

"I'd start with very easy stuff and I would do them and get back to (my physiotherapist) and tell him it felt good or it felt worse and we'd work together from there," Martin said. "We got more aggressive each time and the next thing you know the knee just started to feel awesome." THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Redblacks add QB in trading for Tate

The Ottawa Redblacks have acquired veteran quarterback Drew Tate from the Calgary Stampeders for a 2018 fifth-round draft pick.

The move comes after Calgary signed veteran quarterback Mitchell Gale on Wednesday.

Tate, 32, spent the first eight years of his CFL career with Calgary. The six-foot, 190-pound Tate completed 380 of 572 passes (66.4 per cent) for 4,670 yards with 32 TDs and 15 interceptions.

Tate is expected to be the backup in Ottawa to starter Trevor Harris. Harris shared starting duties last season with veteran Henry Burris, who retired in the off-season after leading the Redblacks to an upset 39-33 Grey Cup win over Calgary.



Drew Tate is expected to serve as the backup to Trevor Harris. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Tate helped Calgary beat Hamilton 20-16 to win the 2014 Grey Cup, rushing for two touchdowns. THE CANADIAN PRESS



IN BRIEF

Manchester City wins first leg with furious finish

Manchester City scored three goals in 11 minutes to fight back for a 5-3 win over Monaco in a wild Champions League match full of dazzling attacking play and dreadful defending on Tuesday.

City was facing a first-leg deficit in the Round of 16 match when Sergio Aguero volleyed in a 71st-minute equalizer for his second goal of the night, John Stones prodded home from a corner in the 77th, and Leroy Sane pushed City further ahead with a tap-in in the 82nd.

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Homan, Englot remain perfect at 6-0 at Scotties

Ontario's Rachel Homan and Manitoba's Michelle Englot inched closer to playoff territory at the Canadian women's curling championship Tuesday.

Homan downed Kerry Galusha of Northwest Territories 7-4 and Englot beat Alberta 9-5 to stay undefeated at 6-0. Defending champion Chelsea Carey was 4-1 with a draw to play Tuesday night.

The top four teams at the end of the round robin Friday advance to the Page playoff.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Restaurant-worthy Nicoise Pasta



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



This pasta may look like a restaurant-worthy main, but really it's a pantry friendly mid-week life saver.

Ready in 25 minutes

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 500 grams spaghetti
- 3 Tbsps olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 cup black olives, pitted and roughly chopped
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup capers
- 2 x 5 oz tin of tuna, drained
- 3 or 4 leaves of fresh basil, torn into pieces
- 1/2 cup Parmesan, grated

Directions

1. Put a pot of well-salted water on to boil. Cook pasta according to package instructions. Just before you drain, remove 1 cup of cooking liquid and set aside.

2. In another large pot, warm up olive oil over medium heat. Toss in garlic, tomatoes, olives and capers. Stir and let the garlic cook for a couple of minutes. Add tuna and break it up a bit.

3. Add the cooked pasta and toss together until the pasta is well-coated and the rest of the ingredients are spread throughout. Pour in your cooking liquid bit by bit until the pasta loosens up.

4. Serve with a topping of grated Parmesan and fresh basil.

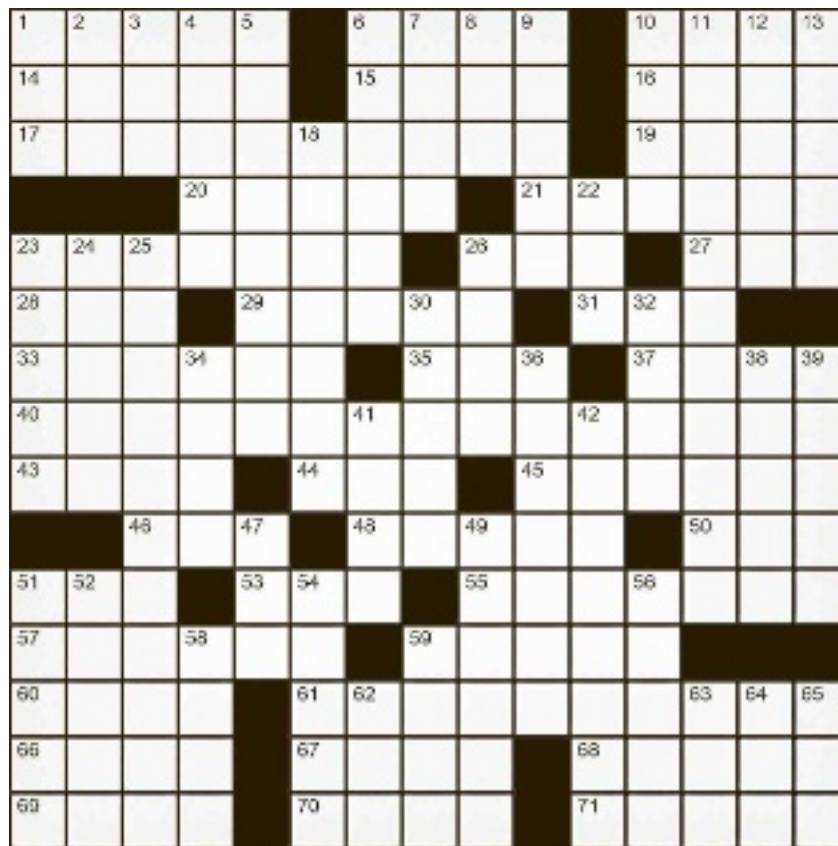
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- Sound off on the highway
- Louisiana, par exemple
- Mille-feuille seller in Montreal
- Boxing injury site
- Shoes: __ marks
- Menu's main course
- Rendering of an event
- __-Julie, Quebec
- Sovereign, e.g.
- Pussycat Dolls hit: "Don't __"
- "My guess would be...": 2 wds.
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- __ wool
- __-advised (Imprudent)
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- Bakery tin: 2 wds.
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- __-date
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DOWN

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- Crook's crimes

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- Ms. DiFranco
- Clay pigeon shooting
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- Garish
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- One feeling ill
- River for Hamburg
- Longing
- Winter dryness relief in one's pocket or purse: 2 wds.
- "Hogan's Heroes" star Bob
- Toronto-born actor Tyler
- Roadside mil. hazards
- Phones the wrong number
- Devalitize
- Where to see pandas and penguins: 3 wds.
- Apothecary weights
- Sound
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- Map detail
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- Central part
- Checkout scanner's target [acronym]
- Jack-__ (Sailor)
- Sister of Zsa Zsa
- Sales pro

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today you have a powerful urge to make creative changes in your immediate environment. This includes your body and your health. You want a superior result with everything that you do. Bravo!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will work hard behind the scenes to improve things for yourself today. These improvements will be in every level of your life, especially financial.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You have the ability to encourage groups to work to achieve something better today. It might involve tearing down something in order to rebuild.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Your ambition is fiercely aroused today, which is why you will accept no interference from anyone. You are on a mission, and you intend to achieve your goal.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Conflict with others about politics, religion or racial issues will be intense today. Avoid this if you can, because these differences will become nasty

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Disputes about shared property and inheritances might come to a head today. People will not listen to each other. You have to be prepared to compromise.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your dealings with partners and close friends will be challenged today. Someone wants to do things his or her own way, and he or she will not listen to you. Maybe you can just tread water and not lose any ground?

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will work relentlessly to achieve your aims today. You also will try to make others work just as hard alongside you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Those of you involved in sports will be fiercely competitive today. Parents and teachers also will have strong expectations for their kids. (Easy does it.)

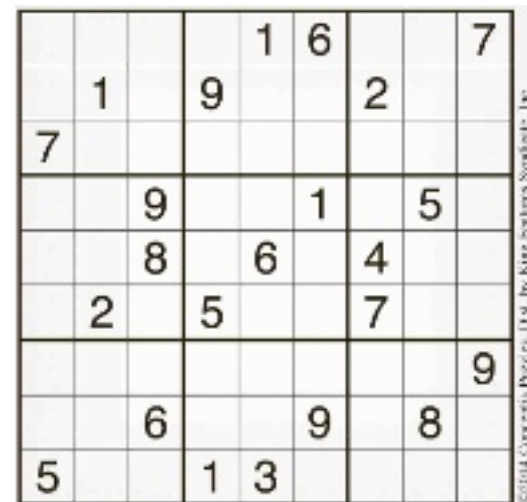
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You can make big changes for the better at home today, especially in areas related to bathrooms, plumbing, laundry, garbage and recycling. Act on this strong energy.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are highly persuasive today. If you are in sales, marketing, teaching, acting or writing, you definitely will score!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You're willing to work hard to make money today because it's important to you. But you might work just as hard to improve or change something you own. Today, everything matters.

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